

BA 595

PARKE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

1888

PARKTON

PRIVATE

This frame Victorian style church covered with white composition shingles was built on land donated by a founding member of the town, Mrs. Miranda Harris. Building contractor was Marion Anderson, who copied an existing church on Mount Zion Road, about four miles away. Cornerstone was laid on August 18, 1888, with Masonic ceremonies. The remains of Captain James Calder, first settler in the vicinity of Parkton, and other members of his family, are buried beneath the altar and the old Calder tombstones are framed in the rear outer wall of the church and can be read by visitors. The stained glass windows date from the 1930s. With its square entrance tower, the church is the most visible and best designed landmark in the north end of town.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC **PARKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

**18,910 York Road**

CITY, TOWN

**Parkton**

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**2nd**

STATE

**Maryland**

COUNTY

**Baltimore County**

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

**Parke Memorial Methodist Church, Inc.**

Telephone #: -

STREET & NUMBER

**18,908 York Road**

CITY, TOWN

**Parkton**

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**Maryland 21152**

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

**County Courts Building**

Liber #: **JWS 169**

Folio #: **315**

STREET & NUMBER

**401 Bosley Avenue**

CITY, TOWN

**Towson**

STATE

**Maryland 21204**

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE **Maryland Historical Trust**

**Baltimore County Historic Sites Inventory**

MHT NO. **BA 595**

DATE

**On-going since 1964**

\_\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

**21 State Circle**

CITY, TOWN

**Annapolis**

STATE

**Maryland 21401**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Parke Memorial United Methodist Church is a frame structure in Gothic Revival style, now covered with white aluminum siding, presenting a very smart appearance on the rising ground north of Parkton. The church is composed of a gable-roofed nave, its gable end to the road, and a side entrance tower and entrance porch, located at the southeast corner (to the left of the nave), the corner nearest the road.

The nave is three bays wide, with a broad stained-glass lancet window centered in the gable end, flanked by two narrower lancet windows. There is a bracketed bargeboard at the gable peak, decorated with cutout trefoils. There is also a round window above the center lancet window.

The nave is four bays deep, also provided with lancet windows. The rear gable end contains only one round stained glass window. A small hip-roofed apse one bay deep is attached to the rear (west) end of the nave; its windows are small lancet types. The eaves of the nave overhang noticeably and a wood cornice follows the eaves.

The square entrance tower has flush doors set under a rectangular transom with stained glass lights. There are two enclosed levels inside the tower, with lancet windows opening on the east and south. The tower becomes an open belfry at the third level, where there are eight openings in the form of gothic arches. The tower roof is a four-sided spire with triangular louvered vents at its base. A Celtic cross tops the spire.

The porch is eight steps above grade, its deck supported by poured concrete. There are four square porch columns, two of them recessed on either side of the door. Round wooden arches combined with wooden latticework join the columns.

The porch is sheltered by a gable roof with overhanging eaves. Its recessed pediment is decorated with a bargeboard with cutout trefoil forms.

The foundation is stone, about two feet of it exposed along the street facade of the nave. A slim brick chimney rises along the north wall of the nave, about halfway back from the street; it is crooked and secured by metal guys or rods.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Committee on History, Parke Memorial United Methodist Church  
 1888-1978 (Parkton, Md., 1978).

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 71-1/2 perches

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Original site was Lots 9 and 10 on westside of York Road,  
 running through irregularly to Calder Avenue.  
 N76W 208 feet to Calder Avenue  
 N40W 71 feet along Calder Avenue  
 S76E 304 feet to York Road  
 S14-1/2W 66.6 feet to BEGINNING. (Map 17, P297)

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE NONE COUNTY NONE

STATE NONE COUNTY NONE

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John W. McGrain, Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Baltimore County Office of Planning & Zoning

DATE

March 28, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

TELEPHONE

494-3495

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

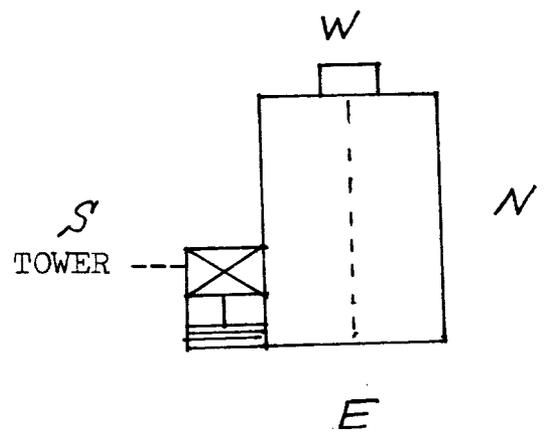
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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

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PARKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## PARKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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67 feet high, and in the interior is a classroom and an auditorium, with a gallery, which will seat 350 persons. The windows are of stained glass. (4)

Dedication took place on January 26, 1889, and there was an all-day meeting at which the pastor raised the outstanding \$900 that prevented dedication of a free and clear church structure. First pastor was the Rev. John Solon Bowers. The debt was wiped out at the evening service at which the Rev. Dr. Lewis, president of Western Maryland College, presided.

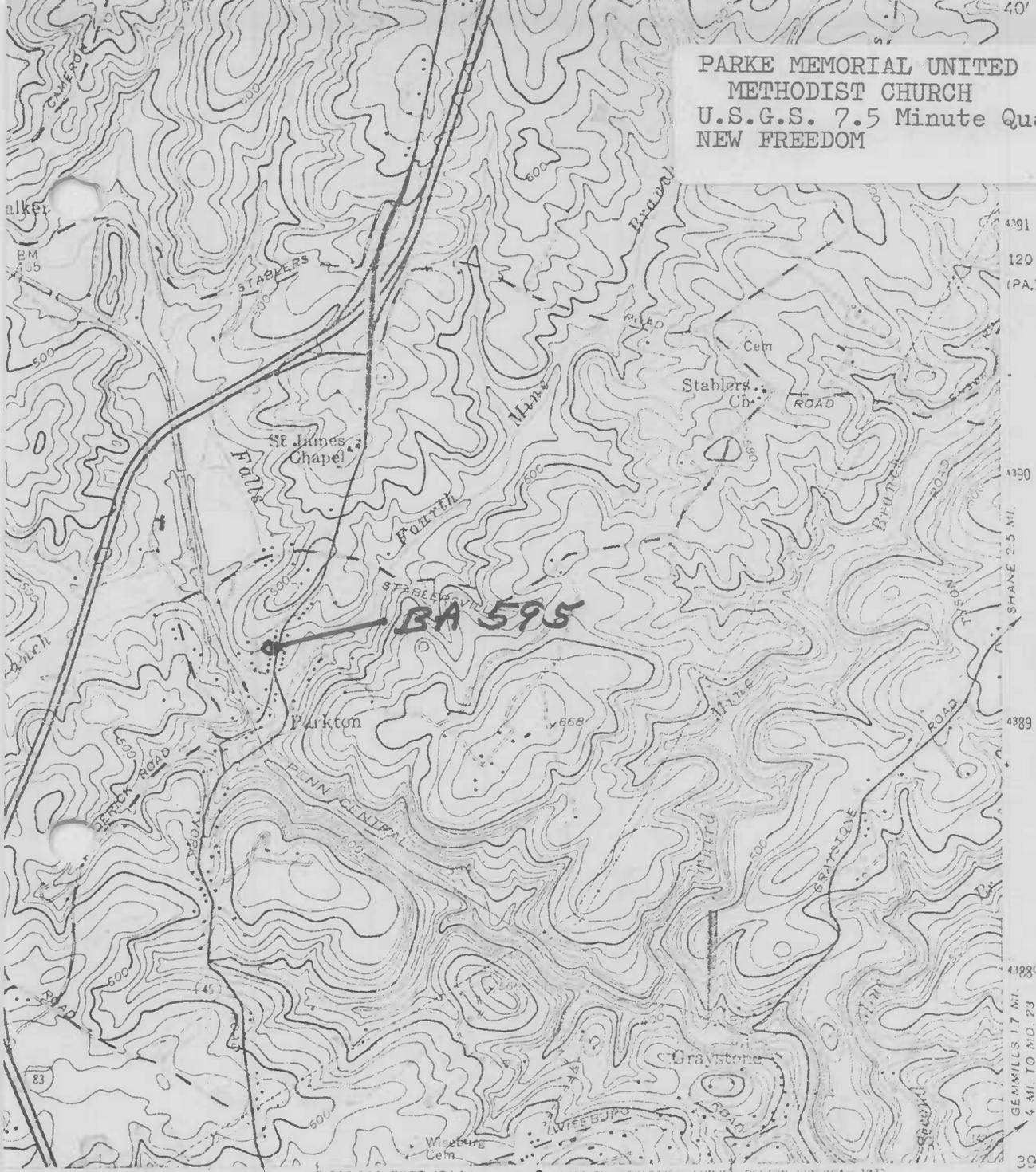
Total cost of the church was \$2,100. There were originally two stoves that had cost \$92.23. Later, a hot air system was installed, and an oil burner in 1941. Lighting began with kerosene lamps, progressed to acetylene gas, and in 1925, electricity was installed.

During the pastorate of the Rev. Moreland Ellis Dearholt (1931-38), the interior was redecorated and a number of stained glass windows installed. An educational building was added in 1960. Another redecoration was carried out in 1970 and in 1973, aluminum siding was added to the structure of both church and educational building.

## NOTES:

1. Committee on History, Parke Memorial United Methodist Church 1888-1978 (Parkton, Md. 1978), pp. 2-3.
2. Baltimore County Deeds, JWS 169:315.
3. Committee on History, Parke Memorial, p. 4.
4. Committee on History, Parke Memorial, p. 5.

PARKE MEMORIAL UNITED BA 595  
 METHODIST CHURCH  
 U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Quad  
 NEW FREEDOM

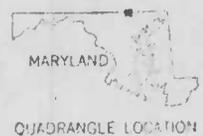


40'  
 120 000 FEET (PA.)  
 4391  
 SHANE 2.5 MI.  
 4390  
 4389  
 4386000 N.  
 GEMMILLS 1.7 MI.  
 4 MI. TO MD. 73  
 39°37'30"  
 76°37'30"

40' HEREFORD 2.6 MI. BALTIMORE (NORTH AVE) 22 MI. 2310000 FEET (PA.) INTERIOR-GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA - 1975 359000m [ WHITE HALL 0.3 MI.

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy duty	—————	Light duty	-----
Medium duty	- - - - -	Unimproved dirt	=====
U.S. Route	⬡	State Route	◯



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from aerial photographs taken 1974. This information not field checked.

NEW FREEDOM, MD.—PA.

N3937.5—W7637.5/7.5.

1958  
 PHOTOREVISED 1974  
 AMS 5663 II NW SERIES V833

(PHOENIX)  
 5663 II SE



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Baltimore County, Maryland  
J. McGrain, March 1980  
Neg. located at MHT  
Tower & SE corner



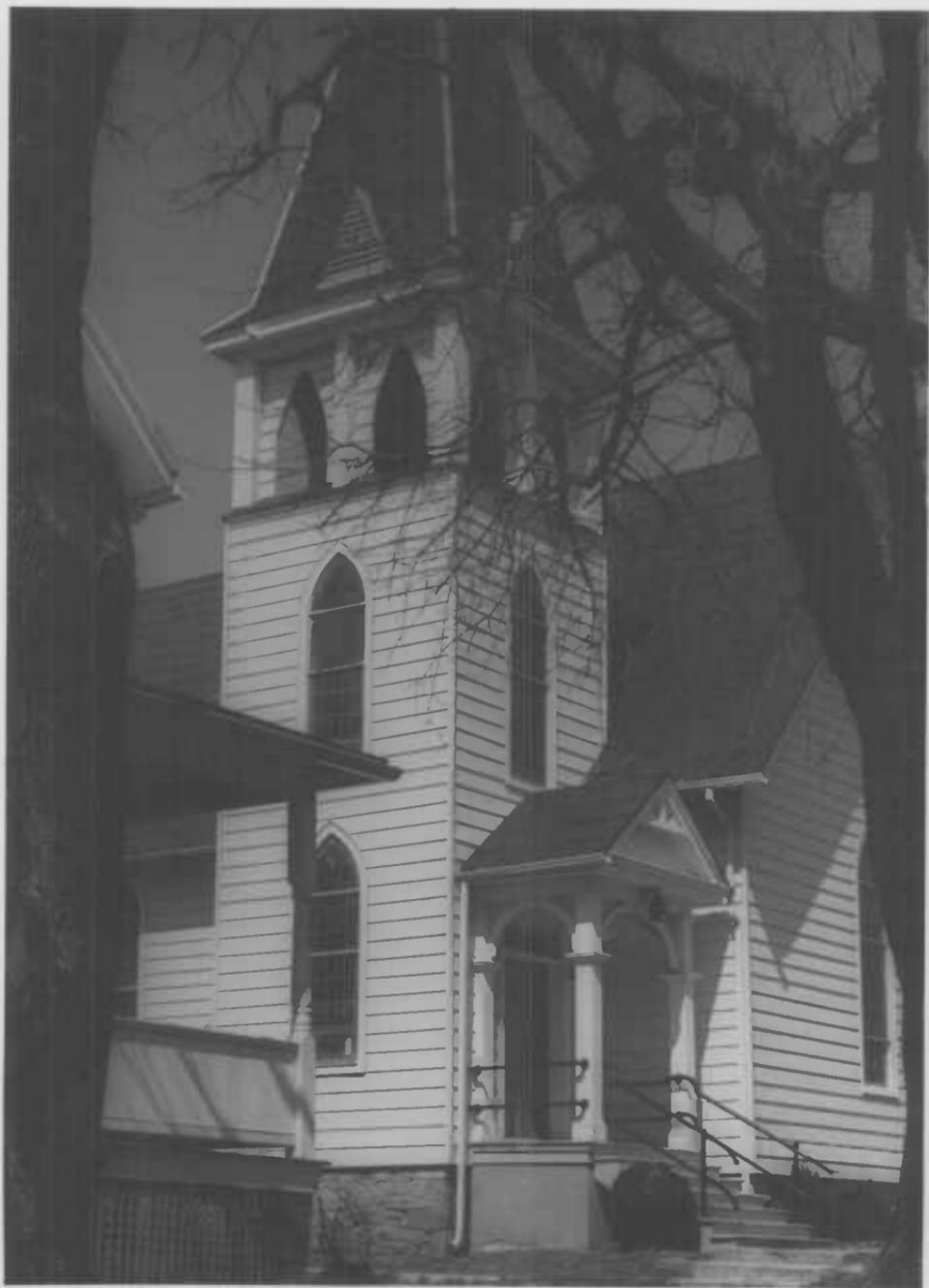
Memorial  
METHODIST CHURCH

SCHOOL 10:30 A.M.

WORSHIP 11:30 A.M.

MINISTER

PARKE MEMORIAL CHURCH BA 595  
Baltimore County, Maryland  
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Neg. located at MHT  
East end of nave



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Parke Memorial  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
CHURCH SCHOOL 10:00 A.M.  
Worship 11:00 A.M.  
SUNDAY

PARKE MEMORIAL CHURCH BA 595  
Baltimore County, Maryland  
J. McGrain, March 1980  
Neg located at MHT  
East facade and tower